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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PARM UR US

SUBJECT: PRAVDA PRODS US ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS BAN

1. SUMMARY. PRAVDA ON DECEMBER 20 CALLS FOR MOVEMENT ON BANNING CHEMICAL WEAPONS, SAYS THAT " MILITARIST CIRCLES IN THE WEST, PRIMARILY THE PENTAGON" ARE CONTINUING EFFORTS TO DEVELOP THEM, AND IMPLIES US BLAME FOR LACK OF PROGRESS IN THE CCD. END SUMMARY.

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2. THE PRAVDA SIGNED COMMENTARY BY ANDREI TOLKUNOV (NOT

IZVESTIYA CHIEF EDITOR L. N. TOLKUNOV), CITES PASSAGE BY THE UNGA OF A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A BAN ON CW, RECOUNTS THE HISTORY OF THE SOVIET CCD PROPOSAL IN 1972, AND RECALLS THE VLADIVOSTOK AGREEMENT ON CONTINUING THE SEARCH FOR MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THE QUESTIONS OF BANNING THE MOST TOXIC WEAPONS.

3. TOLKUNOV WRITES, HOWEVER, THAT "CERTAIN MILITARIST CIRCLES IN THE WEST, PRIMARILY THOSE IN THE PENTAGON, CONTINUE THEIR DEMANDS FOR NEW FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND MODERNIZATION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS." THIS ATTITUDE, HE CONTINUES, "CALLA FORTH LEGITIMATE ANXIETY EVEN IN THE US CONGRESS." HE RECALLS THAT IN JULY OF THIS YEAR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TURNED DOWN A PENTAGON REQUEST FOR FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE, AND EXPLAINS THAT MUCH OF THIS OPPOSITION COMES FROM THE FEAR THAT, QUOTING REPRESENTATIVE HICKS, "THE PLANS OF THE PENTAGON MAY COMPLICATE OR UNDERMINE NEGOTIATIONS NOW BEING CARRIED OUT IN GENEVA ON CONCRETE DOCUMENTS AIMED AT BANNING CHEMICAL WEAPONS."

4. COMMENT: TOLKUNOV DOES NOT QUITE FINGER THE US AS HAVING ADOPTED A DILATORY APPROACH TO THE SOVIET PROPOSALS IN THE CCD, BUT BY POINTING TO THE PENTAGON AS THE BAD GUYS, AND BY USING REPRESENTATIVE HICKS TO INFORM HIS READERS THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOW UNDERWAY IN GENEVA, HE LEAVED THE CLEAR IMPRESSIONS THAT THE US IS AT FAULT FOR LACK OF FURTHER PROGRESS. END COMMENT.  
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